

**But God Shall Shoot At Them With An Arrow** (Psalms 64:1-10)

Proposition: Every person should be alerted the threat of God's righteous wrath by seeing four characteristics laid out in this Psalm.

I. The Strength Behind the Arrow of God's Wrath (Vs. 7)

*"But God shall shoot..."*

- A. The Might of God
- B. The Majesty of God
- C. The Motive of God

II. The Subject Before the Arrow of God's Wrath (Vs. 7)

*"..at them..."*

- A. The Threatenings of the Subject (Vs. 1-2)
- B. The Tongue of the Subject (Vs. 3)
- C. The Trespass of the Subject (Vs. 4-6a)
- D. The Thoughts of the Subject (Vs. 6b)

III. The Suddenness By the Arrow of God's Wrath (Vs. 7)

*"...suddenly..."*

- A. An Unexpected Arrow
- B. An Undetermined Arrow
- C. An Unavoidable Arrow

IV. The Scene About the Arrow of God's Wrath (Vs. 7)

*"...suddenly shall they be wounded."*

- A. The Fall Encountered by the Rebellious (Vs. 7b-8a)
- B. The Fear Experienced by the Related (Vs. 8b-9)
- C. The Faith Encountered by the Righteous (Vs. 10)

**But God Shall Shoot At them W/ an Arrow** (Ps 64:1-10). On March the 11<sup>th</sup> 2008, in a Los Angeles suburb a man was found dead on a sidewalk at 1:45 in the morning.

When paramedics arrived on the scene and turned the body over they were shocked to see that the man, 62 year old Angel Martinez, had died from an arrow lodged in his chest. No explanation no suspects no apparent reason why this happened. Local residents said they often saw the old man out on evening walks. Imagine out for an evening stroll and out of thin air an arrow piercing the heart. The swift sudden and silent ~~shot of an arrow~~ is a frightful thing. <sup>①</sup> Something

**I. The Strength Behind the Arrow of God's Wrath.** Police have yet to determine who was behind the arrow that killed Angel Martinez, but there's no doubt.

**A. The Might of God** - The word for God used here is Elohim meaning the Supreme God. The God of Creation "Gen 1:1" The one who gives life and who takes life. A God at whose very word, the fountains of the deep open to destroy a wicked word. A God at whose command fire and brimstone fell from the sky to destroy a wicked city.

**B. The Majesty of God** - This Elohim is a Majestic holy and just God who is always good and righteous. He is the avenger of wrong and the standard of truth.



He will not be accused of injustice. He is spotless, guiltless and good. He is unsearchable, incorruptible, invisible and immortal.

C. The Motive of God - I do not know what the motive behind Mr. Martinez's death was. Police suspect that it was a thrill killing where gangs pick out what they think is a homeless person and murder them. God is not a thrill seeker, a thrill killer. He is unwilling that any perish yet he is a Holy Judge and must

II. The Subject Before the Arrow of God's Wrath  
vs 7 (at them) We may not know the why of Mr. Martinez's death but we know the who. Who are the ones targeted in our text? Ref 1-6

A. The Threatenings of the Subject - Many of the psalms are pleadings to God for deliverance from enemies. vs 1. These enemies of David are a threat to his life. A threat against God's own. There are many that live & strive to reach

B. The Tongue of the Subject - vs 3 Their tongue is as a weapon used to destroy their enemy. It cuts as a sword and pierces as an arrow. Their misrepresentation of God and his people are blasphemous. Mt 15:34 Out of a church

C. The Trespass of the Subject - vs 5-6 They have a complete and utter disregard for the law of God. They endeavor and scheme and plan to trample and trespass God's statutes. Their life is lived as a daring fist shake in God's face.

1) Something that would strike terror in any persons heart. Now I am not in any way saying that God shot an arrow out of heaven to kill Angle Martinez, but what I do want you to see is the sudden unexpected nature of God's wrath. Our text says : Psalms 64:7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. It is of utmost importance that every person should be alerted the threat of God's righteous wrath by seeing four characteristics laid out in this Psalm.

2) ...no doubt who is behind the fatal arrow in our text.

3) A God at who's will the earth opened up to swallow the rebellious Kora and his cohorts. A God who's power killed a man that dared to touch His covenant holding ark. He is a God not to be trifled with a mighty God.

4) He is Light, Love and Long-suffering. There is none beside Him, none before Him, and none like Him. He is caring, compassionate and consuming. He is Most High, the Mighty, and the Merciful. He is a Majestic God!

5) Matthew 12:34 ...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

1) Spurgeon - Diligently they consider, invent, devise, and seek for wicked plans to wreak their malice.

2) But is unleashed in an unexpected moment.

3) On Aug 26, in Fujian Province, China, an upset Wong decided to visit his friend Xu's house to collect an unpaid debt. 3 years ago Xu borrowed 500 yuen (about \$70) from Wong for his wedding and never paid the money back. Wong showed up at Xu's house with a bat in hand demanding that Xu pay back the money he had borrowed. Xu then pulled out a metal rod he had laying around to use in defense if Wong decided to attack him. Xu denied that he had borrowed any money from Wong and asked him to prove that there was a debt to be owed. Wong finally "told him that if he dared to swear to God that he didn't owe me the money, then I would waive his debt." Xu, obviously seeing a way out of paying the debt, then pointed the pole straight up in the air and shouted "if I ever borrowed money from Wong, let me be struck by lightning." Less than a minute after shouting those words, lightning struck the outstretched pole and passed through into Xu's body. Xu was taken to the hospital but survived the incident.

4) Nahum 1:3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.



D. The thoughts of the Subject - There minds are consumed with the pleasure of sin for a season. Spurgeon said ① "Get thine no repentance. The quiver of the subject is in the heart of earthly desires."

### III. The Suppleness By the Census of

God's Wrath "Sederly" (V. 7) - I don't think there is a more fearful word used but

A. An Unexpected Census - Can you see these enemies of God measuring and planning to destroy the people of God and then unexpectedly an census of wrath. I don't believe God has compared him in heaven. But God used the a motto kill wicked Church (1K. 22:34) the wrath of God maybe will be in mercy but

B. An Unsettling Census - The means of God's wrath is not always the same. Yes God used an arrow to kill Ahaz. He also used a tent peg to kill Sinner. Use a fire to consume Abraham + Abimeh. He was angry here can also mean thunderbolt a bolt ③ of lightning. Reminds me of a story I read

C. An Unavoidable Census - "Shall"

The census of God always hit them long. There is no place so small and so obscure as to be out of the range of God's Judgment. There is no spot at which one can run to out last his part of wrath. Nahum! 3 says The Lord will

#### IV. The Scene Around the Arrow of Gods

Wrath. The resulting scene of this sudden strike of Gods wrath is a gruesome yet mighty

#### A. The Fall Encountered by the Rebellious

The war wounded here is the same war that is translated many times as slaughter in

the Bible. Spurgeon said - "They desired to weather they were recovered from their wounds or dealt a fatal blow, it is unclear. What is clear is that the rebellious toward God will not go unpunished!"

#### B. The Fear Experienced by the Related - V5

V5 & b-9. In an interview of a local resident near where the body of Angel Martinez was found a fear to be out on the sidewalk or in the street was expressed! If you are here in your rebellion toward God, look at the body of your comrade. Fear God! Let this fear drive you to cross

#### C. The Faith Encouraged by the Righteous

V5 10. I am not in any way happy or glad in the death of Angel Martinez. But I wipe my brow in relief that I was not in the crosshairs of the archer. Oh so long I lived daily under the threat of his judgment! The just punishment for sin, but on march 3

#### IV. Closing - God is not an assassin.

He is not an indiscriminate killer, flinging lightning bolts and arrows at a whim. He is a merciful long suffering God, who endures to provoke the surrender of his adversaries not their destruction. Will you lay down your weapons

- 1) ...they desired to inflict deadly wounds, and are smitten themselves with wounds which none can heal.
- 2) ...go unpunished. Vs 8a it is as though in the midst of their blasphemy and reviling of God and his people they were stopped dead in their tracks.
- 3) ...to the cross of Christ, a city of refuge for the guilty of sin!  
Come find safety from the wrath of God at the cross, where Jesus the spotless lamb of God suffered the full measure of the arrow of God's wrath on your behalf!